Dear Parents,

Outdoor Learning Residential Trips

I am writing to you regarding the recent reports of increased dengue cases in Nepal and the impact this has on our upcoming residential and expeditions, especially the Year 5 Trip to Chitwan.

Our priority is, of course, the health, safety and wellbeing of your children. As with all trips, we assess the risks very carefully. All trips do contain elements of risk. We arrive at a decision to proceed with a trip or not based on the levels of risk and the things we can put in place to mitigate the risks to ‘acceptable’ levels.

After a very thorough and careful consideration of the most up to date information and data available to us with regard to increased incidences of dengue, we have decided to postpone the Year 5 Chitwan Residential Trip, which had been planned for 22nd-25th October. Cases of dengue appear to be decreasing across the country, as expected, with measures being put in place by local authorities, individuals taking more precautions and of course the decrease in temperature and rainfall. The only exception appears to be Chitwan at this point, hence our decision to postpone the Year 5 Trip.

At this moment in time, all other Primary and Secondary Residential Trips are planned to go ahead as scheduled. Our decision also took into account the fact that we have a two-week Dashain break just before the Year 5 Chitwan Trip. Any further delay in making a decision and communicating this to parents and staff would have been problematic, and potentially could have created unintended consequences and difficulties for families, who might have had to make alternative arrangements. Making the decision now also enables our Year 5 class teachers to make effective, alternative plans for the week the students will be in school.

Our intention is to reschedule the Year 5 Chitwan Trip to Term 3.

Should new information come to light which might affect the remaining Primary and Secondary residential trips, we will review the situation and update you accordingly before 25th October.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Should you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Brian Platts
Principal